



## News Notes

**Band performance** – The Air Force Band of the Pacific - Hawaii will perform at the Hawaii State Fair Monday at 2 p.m. All military members, retirees and family members get in free to the fair. Gates open at noon and the fair is located in the Aloha Stadium parking lot.

**Holiday hours** – The commissary is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The commissary will resume its regular hours Tuesday.

**The White House Commission on Remembrance** – The White House Commission on Remembrance is a bipartisan, independent executive branch agency whose missions include: promoting the spirit of unity and remembrance through observance of The National Moment of Remembrance for one minute, 3 p.m., Monday. Ensuring the nation remembers the sacrifices of America's fallen from the Revolutionary War to the present recognizing the devotion to duty of veterans and all those who continue to serve our great nation and reminding all Americans of their common heritage. For more information, visit [www.remember.gov](http://www.remember.gov) or call Senior Airman Jason Nunez at 449-1754, ext. 235.

**Adopt-a-stream** – Hickam, in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, will be sponsoring an Adopt-A-Stream cleanup effort June 4. The volunteers will be cleaning up three streams/channels in the Waimanalo area. Volunteers will meet at 7 a.m. in the Burger King parking lot and will return around noon. Participants will drive privately owned vehicles to the cleanup sites. Volunteers without POVs will be able to carpool with other participants. Maps will be provided to those wishing to drive their vehicles. Youth 12 to 18 years old are welcome to participate as well. To

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# 101 days kicks off Monday

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman  
Kukini Editor

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" begins Monday and continues through Labor Day.

This time of year is set apart because of the high number of fatalities and injuries Air Force members experience during the summer months.

During the 2004 campaign, the Air Force experienced 32 fatalities and in 2003 the Air Force had 37 fatalities, according to the Air Force Safety Center Web site.

The majority of these losses were

motor vehicle fatalities. Some of the factors in these mishaps were speeding, not using seatbelts or helmets and alcohol.

Although Hawaii is year-round summer, there are some things for Team Hickam members to consider as well.

"Kids are out of school and people tend to take vacations this time of year," said Vincent Duny, 15th Airlift Wing Ground Safety manager.

Mr. Duny also mentions driving after a long shift can be dangerous.

"Even though we're on an island, people still may have to drive a distance after working a 12-hour

shift and it's not safe to do with little rest," he said.

A main concern on Hickam from recent events is physical fitness safety. There have been many injuries during PT.

The problem is unrealistic expectations of ourselves, Mr. Duny said. "People don't seem to realize they can't do what they did when they were 22 years old."

For fitness tips such as proper stretching techniques, visit the Health and Wellness Center.

The goal of the 15th AW Safety office along with the Air Force is to have zero fatalities this year.

"We're working to build a safety-

conscious culture," said Mr. Duny.

Although there are many categories for safety, such as motorcycle safety, pedestrian safety, water safety and more, there is one thing for all to remember one thing.

"If it doesn't feel right, don't do it," said Mr. Duny.

"The '101 Critical Days of Summer' campaign began in the early 1980s and was developed to counter the traditional increase in Air Force mishaps and fatalities that occur during the summer months," according to the AF Safety Web page.

Look for future articles in the *Kukini* throughout the 101 days for more on safety.

## Aloha Festival



Photo by Sharee Moore

Norene Arce lowers her head to receive a lei from Sisqo Scott. The students portray a princess and escort from the island of Lanai during the Aloha Festival at Nimitz Elementary School May 20. For more on the festival, see B6.

# Students send notes of aloha to deployed troops stationed in Iraq

By Sharee Moore  
Kukini Photojournalist

Students from Pamela Hall's 1st grade classroom at Hickam Elementary School are sending notes of aloha to troops stationed in Iraq.

Ms. Hall launched the overseas patriotic project after meeting Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nicholas Florez, a Reservist now assigned to the Army's 326th Area Support Group at Al Asad Air Base.

"(Lieutenant Commander Florez) said he worked with a lot of young Marines and I mentioned that I had a first grade class (and asked if he) would like letters," explained Ms. Hall.

"He said he'd love letters, so instead of just writing to him, (students) wrote to 'any military personnel' and he posted them on the way to the gym, so that anybody walking



Photo by Sharee Moore

Students admire a 'thank you' flag and certificate sent by the 326th Area Support Group for letters of aloha written by the children. Pamela Hall, a 1st grade teacher at Hickam Elementary School, organized a patriotic letter writing project for service members stationed in Iraq. The certificate verifies that the flag flew over the headquarters building at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

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## Survey important to school system

A customer satisfaction survey was mailed April 28 to military families of the approximately 15,000 children in Hawaii public schools. The results of this survey will be compared to the previous three years of results in order to determine the impact of initiatives by the Joint Venture Education Forum, individual schools, and the Hawaii Department of Education.

Parents in the military who have children in Hawaii public schools as well as students in grades 5 to 12 should have received a survey. All parents and students can also access and fill in the survey online at [www.web-srg.com/hawaiischools](http://www.web-srg.com/hawaiischools) until Tuesday.

Education of military dependent children is one of the top quality-of-service issues in the U.S. Pacific Command. In the past, the views of military families in Hawaii regarding the quality of Hawaii's public schools have varied considerably, but the previous years' surveys have shown marked improvements in the perceptions of the public schools.

Admiral Fallon encourages parents to complete the survey, "The thoughtful, accurate data you provide will help USPACOM and the Hawaii DOE measure progress on our established priorities."

For more information, contact Dr. Allen Awaya at 477-2543. (Information courtesy of PACOM)

To complete the survey online, people need to have a password. The following passwords are for the following categories:

Parents  
TSRG 005  
TRSG 006

High school students (9-12)  
STASRG 005  
STASRG 006

Middle school and upper elementary students (5-8)  
STBSRG 005  
STBSRG 006



# COMPACAF sends safety message

**Gen. Paul Hester**  
Pacific Air Forces commander

The 101 critical days of summer, that period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, is rapidly approaching. While this period is prime time for travel, both moving and leisure, it is also historically the most dangerous time of the year.

Last year during this period, we lost 32 members from across our Air Force to fatal mishaps, including three from Pacific Air Forces.

Summer activities provide excellent opportunities to unwind, relax and recharge, but we must never forget our collective and individual responsibilities for mishap prevention, both on and off duty. Our goal is simply stated: zero fatal mishaps.

Preventing mishaps this summer will take everyone's best efforts. Commanders must ensure their units' mishap prevention efforts are integral to mission success. Supervisors must



**Gen. Paul Hester**

remain engaged with their subordinates, demanding high standards, setting the example, and aware of both their peoples' duty performance, and their leisure activities and travel plans off duty. Lastly, each of us has a responsibility for our own safety, and the safety of our Wingmen. As vital members of our Air Force team, we must never forget that our family and friends love us, our units need us,

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and our nation is depending on us.

I challenge each of us, every commander, every supervisor, and every Airman, to redouble our focus toward our common goal of preventing mishaps. Together, we will ensure that we accomplish our missions successfully, that we enjoy our leave and leisure time safely and that we each return to our families, friends and comrades ready to serve.



Photo by Mark Bates

**Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, speaks during his first commander's call here. Experts spoke on a variety of subjects including summer safety, top 10 ways to prevent trouble for yourself and Base Realignment and Closure committee.**

## Thinking beyond critical days

**By Col. Scott Wardell**  
15th Medical Group commander

It's the time of year again when school is ending and you start hearing about the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Most of us think about the 101 days as focusing on, safe driving, taking our time doing a task safely and being responsible wingmen for others. Those are always top priorities, but we shouldn't forget the other things like proper food preparation, medical planning during a trip and proper care of bumps and bruises.

One medical concern for us in Hawaii is food-borne illnesses, especially when the weather here allows for outdoor barbecuing year round.

Food-borne illness results from eating food contaminated with bacteria (or their toxins) or other pathogens such as parasites or viruses. The illnesses range from upset stomach to more serious symptoms, including diarrhea, fever, vomiting, abdominal cramps and dehydration. Although most food-borne infections are undiagnosed and unreported, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that every year about 76 million people in the United States become ill from pathogens in food. Of these, about 5,000 die.

Most cases of food-borne



**Col. Scott Wardell**

illness can be prevented through proper cooking or processing of food, which kills bacteria. In addition, because bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 F and 140 F, food must be kept out of this “danger zone.”

Those of you not camping out in your backyard all this summer and with plans to travel abroad, you need to plan in advance to help prevent illness

Among the most common infectious diseases travelers contract are diarrhea and upper respiratory infections such as the common cold or bronchitis. However, a number of other diseases, such as mosquito-borne malaria and yellow fever, are becoming more of a concern as it becomes easier for travelers to visit disease-endemic areas.

Arm yourself against potentially dangerous mosquitoes. Malaria, a mosquito-borne illness, is a leading cause of death in developing countries worldwide, occurring in 300 million to 500 million people each year. In the United States about 1,200 cases are diag-

nosed annually, primarily in Americans who travel abroad and immigrants who return from sub-Saharan Africa, the Indian subcontinent and other high-risk areas.

Pack and use insect repellents that contain DEET as an active ingredient.

Minimize skin exposure. Pack and wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, preferably in light colors. Spray your clothing with permethrin insecticide spray. Sleep under a mosquito net.

Just use common sense while abroad and think twice about activities you wouldn't hesitate to do back home. For example, eat carefully. Well-cooked food is usually safest. Avoid eating foods from street vendors, unpasteurized dairy products and raw or uncooked seafood. Drink water only from commercially sealed bottles.

After the trip, be alert for signs of illness. Watch for illness in the first 12 weeks. However, be aware that some diseases, such as malaria, may not cause symptoms until six months to a year later, and may occur even if you took preventive medication.

If you get sick, tell your doctor where you've been traveling within the past year.

As I mentioned earlier it's nearing that time of year for school to be let out and so more children will be

collecting bumps and bruises from the daily activities. Besides the ole' “I kiss it and make it better,” there are a few things to do to help a child feel better and help in the healing process.

For bruises, first try a cold compress. A bag of frozen peas on a child's shin may bring a laugh or quizative question from the youngster to help ease the pain even more. Plus its fun way to defrost the veggie for dinner time.

And when a fall produces scraped, scratched or cut skin a little guy or gal can really go into emergency mode. So a cool-headed parent that can provide the tender care right away with direct pressure and a soothing voice to let them know they are not losing a leg from it can help. If you can't stop the bleeding seek medical attention.

With scrapes, most important thing to do is to wash it well with soap and water. Then dab a little antibiotic ointment on it and leave it uncovered. But if you're child still wants to play in the dirt and grim cover it loosely with a bandage.

So just keep in mind this summer that, medical, ground and all sorts of safety is a year round mind set. We all play an important part in making Hickam a safe and top notch assignment. Stay safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

## 101 days marks time of awareness

**By Col. Bill “Goose” Changose**  
15th Airlift Wing Commander

The 101 Critical Days of Summer begins today with the Memorial Day weekend and ends with Labor Day. This is the period when dreams, promises and good intentions sometime go awry. Vacations, moves and other high-risk activities expose us to conditions we're not accustomed to.

We must all pay attention to on- and off-duty risks we face during the summer months including heat-related effects, highway safety, water sports, motorcycle safety, and any other risks unique to the local environment.

Air Force safety statistics indicate that during the 15-week period, military members, civilians and their families have a higher chance of having serious or fatal mishaps.

Commanders, supervisors, and peers have an obligation to prevent accidents by being aware of what their co-workers, friends, and family members are doing. We must make safety a priority. If you see someone taking unnecessary risks, do something about it. Immediately intervene and break the chain of events that may lead to an accident. Your actions can mean the difference between life and death.

Mishap prevention directly contributes to the wing's mission readiness and combat effectiveness. Let's make this year's “101 Critical Days of Summer” our safest summer ever by minimizing risks and keeping safety on our scope. Have fun and be safe!

My thanks to a great group of more than 20 people who put in some long hours to make this month's Asian

Pacific American Heritage Festival successful. Thanks also to the committee council: Tech. Sgt. Alfredo Reyes, Tech. Sgt. El Rone, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gomez, Barry Wood, Capt. Joyce Johns, Capt. Tuan Nguyen, 2nd Lt. Jonathan Guerrero, Minerva Lanari, Master Sgt. Edgar Binas, 2nd Lt. Cherissa Dechico, Senior Master Sgt. Rufino Escano, Master Sgt. Maria Lacuesta, Master Sgt. Gil Mabuti, Tech. Sgt. Anthony Garcia, Staff Sgt. Rhallate Javier, Staff Sgt. Vivian Garcia, Leilani Corona, Tech. Sgt. Mark Solis and Tech. Sgt. Eugene Doctor.

Another group I would like to recognize for their outstanding service is the Hickam Honor Guard. Whether it's a posting of the Colors for a retirement, carrying a casket for a repatriation ceremony or representing the Air Force in a local event, my hat goes off to you. The honor guard is always in need of sharp individuals. To volunteer or for more information, contact Tech. Sgt. John Phillips at 449-6453.

Finally, congratulations to our NCO Academy award winners. Tech. Sgt. Brian LaBounty, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient. Tech. Sgt. Valerie Moore, 15th Operations Group, earned the academic achievement award and the distinguished graduate award. Tech. Sgt. Karen Plunkett, JICPAC, earned the commandant award and the distinguished graduate award. Other distinguished graduates included Tech. Sgt. Robert Brown, Pacific Air Forces, and Tech. Sgt. David Gerbo, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Good job!

## Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go “above and beyond” in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you

have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Animal cruelty

**Comment:** As a resident on base, my neighbors including myself welcome wild birds by feeding them on a daily basis. It is very disturbing to see that someone chose to commit the crime of animal cruelty by shooting a bird with a blow gun. Out in our yard it is very sad and disturbing to see a 3 to 4 inch blow gun needle shot through a bird's neck. The bird can still fly and is able to walk and eat the same as the others. I called the Law Enforcement Desk and was told

to call the Humane Society in which the Humane Society told me to call Law Enforcement because they cannot enter onto the base. I would like to know what sort of enforcement is being done to prevent and handle cases of animal cruelty.

**Response:** The point of contact for wildlife violations is the Hickam Security Forces Control Center. Our controller was misinformed when he told you to call the Humane Society. Security Forces should have made the call for you and reported the incident to the Humane Society. The Humane Society would have then responded on base once they were properly notified. This matter has been taken care of accordingly. If you need further assistance, please call the security forces operations section at 449-2200.

## Hickam Diamond Tips



**Hairstyles:** Males are now allowed to cleanly shave their heads or wear military "high-and-tight" haircuts. Females are not allowed to do either of these. (Source: 96th Air Force Uniform Board Results, June 2004) Additionally, hairstyles must allow for proper wear and fit of headgear. (Source: AFI 36-2903) Questions? Contact your First Sergeant.



# Hickam Voices

What is your worst '101 days' safety accident?



While playing volleyball during a squadron picnic at Kadena Air Base, Japan, I broke and separated my right shoulder while diving for the ball. I've broken plenty of bones before and this one was by far the worst.

**Master Sgt. Patrick Pettis**  
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



On a road trip with my family, we had a tire blow out. The rear end of the truck raised off the ground about three feet and slammed back down. I lost control of the vehicle which turned almost 90 degrees toward a steep hill. I regained control and was able to stop the vehicle. I remembered all the safety briefings I had given over the years to my troops. I will never stop reminding the troops about the importance of safety.

**Tech. Sgt. William Reynolds**  
56th Information Warfare Flight



I went swimming at Barbers Point and did not know about such things as coral and the sharp edges it has. I didn't feel the cut, but saw the blood pouring from my heel when I got back to the beach. Thank goodness there were no sharks in the water at the time.

**Staff Sgt. Paul Samson**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron



I was out riding bikes with a friend downtown in Tokyo at about 30 mph. At the time I was glancing over my shoulder at traffic to my right. Little did I know that a driver had signaled another vehicle to merge onto the road. Both myself and my friend flew over the hood of her car.

**Staff Sgt. Mike Sneed**  
56th Air Communications Squadron



When I was in third grade, I was playing tag on a giant wooden fortress behind my house. In an effort to evade capture, I jumped through an opening in the wall to the monkey bars. I fell seven feet, landed on my ankle and it broke.

**Dennis Kinsman II**  
Husband of Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman

**Next week's question:**  
**June 3: How do you keep cool during the Hawaiian summers?**

To respond to this question, send an email to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil) with a response and phone number to contact you.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard  
Tech. Sgt. Bret Grantham, 352nd Information Operations Squadron, talks to the Alva Scott Elementary students about their newspaper assignments during Junior Achievement May 17.

# Team Hickam joins forces with Junior Achievement

**By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard**  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Local elementary students teamed up with Hickam members to achieve new learning experiences May 17. A class of third graders from Alva Scott Elementary have joined forces with Airmen of the 352nd Information Operations Squadron to learn more about business, economics and career opportunities.

The volunteers from the 352nd are part of a worldwide program called Junior Achievement that uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life. According to the Junior Achievement Web site, in partnership with business and educators, Junior Achievement brings the real world to students, opening their minds to their potential.

"We have been teaching them about the basic struc-

ture of a town's business and industry and the skills they will need to perform different jobs," said Tech. Sgt. Bret Grantham, 352nd IOS. "They have learned about zones, what types of businesses are where, what types of employees they hire and why, as well as how to plan a business' location."

The past couple of weeks Sergeant Grantham and his counter part Staff Sgt. Damon Hutchins, 352nd IOS, have been teaching the third graders on how to put a newspaper together.

break for them to have some-one new teach a lesson."

According to Sergeant Grantham teaching may not go beyond this volunteer effort, but it is something he's looked into and has an appreciation for.

"I have thought about teaching and have even looked into the soldiers to teachers program, but I'm not sure I have the patience or abilities for it," he said. "I have the utmost respect for teachers and feel they have one of the hardest jobs there is. I've worked some pretty stressful jobs in the Air Force with lots of responsibility but the thought of being responsible for the intellectual, moral and social guidance of 30 to 40 young children for nine months is overwhelming."

The Junior Achievement program reaches approximately 6.6 million students worldwide. Through age-appropriate curriculum, Junior Achievement programs begin at the elementary school level, teaching children how they can impact the world around them as individuals, workers and consumers. Junior Achievement programs continue through the middle and high school grades, preparing students for future economic and workforce issues they'll face.

Founded by Horace Moses, Theodore Vail, and Sen. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Junior Achievement started in 1919 as a collection of small, after-school business clubs for students in Springfield, Massachusetts.



**Staff Sgt. Damon Hutchins, 352nd IOS, fields questions after hearing Rashad Dones story for the Junior Achievement newspaper assignment.**

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## Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
**449-0300**  
Life Skills Support Center  
**449-0175**  
Law Enforcement Desk  
**449-6373**  
Base Chaplain  
**449-1754**  
Military Family Abuse Shelter  
**533-7125**



## Two Hickam dependents win DECA scholarships

Two Hickam family members won \$1,500 scholarships from the Defense Commissary Agency.

Rayna Isaki and Gary Molina were two of 500 students selected in this year's Scholarships for Military Children program.

"We're excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency Chief Executive Officer Patrick Nixon. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded nearly \$4 million to over 3,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Winners are selected based on academic merit, participa-

tion in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the militaryscholar Web site at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). (Information courtesy of DECA)

## Orders up



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

**Capt. Craig Gallagher, Postal Service, hands Dominic Montero, Hickam Commissary, his order at the Hickam Burger King May 20. Captain Gallagher was the winner of a \$1,000 shopping spree for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service-run Burger King "Dog Tagg Drill Call" peel and win game that ran March through April.**



**Attempted breaking and entering/  
provoking speeches/gestures/obstruction of justice**

An Air Force family member notified Security Forces about three juveniles attempting to gain unlawful entry into the youth center. The suspects were detained and parents notified. Upon arrival a parent became upset and disorderly and was charged with obstruction of justice.

**Shoplifting**

A Navy military family member was detained by Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. She was processed and eventually released. Total cost of merchandise: \$22.

**Shoplifting**

An unidentified suspect was questioned by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. The suspect then fled the scene on foot and discarded the merchandise. Total cost of merchandise: \$609.

**Damage to private property**

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about his privately owned vehicle being damaged while parked at his place of work.



**Shoplifting**

A retired Army member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. He was processed and eventually released. Total cost of merchandise: \$7.

**Shoplifting**

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. They were processed and eventually released to her sponsor. Total cost of merchandise: \$11.

**Domestic disturbance/ assault/damage to government**

An active-duty Air Force member reported being physically assaulted by her civilian spouse. Patrolman arrived on scene and also found damage to the quarters. The suspect had departed the area and a be on the lookout was issued.

**Damage to private property**

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces about her privately owned vehicle being damaged while parked at the dormitory.

**Damage to private property**

An Air Force family member notified security forces about her privately owned vehicle being damaged while parked at her quarters. Estimated damage: \$800.

**Damage to government proprrty**

Security forces members discovered that the Apaka school gate was damaged by a vehicle driven by an unknown suspect. The gate was immediately repaired by on-call 15th Civil Engineer Squadron members.

**Theft of private property/burglary**

An active-duty Air Force member phoned the security forces control center requesting assistance due to a burglary at the residence he was house sitting. The member told patrolmen he had checked the quarters approximately 48 hours earlier and everything was in order. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$30,000.

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by could see them,” Ms. Hall said.

As a result of their kindness, the commander of the unit sent the students an American flag with a certificate verifying it had been flown over the air base in Iraq.

Lieutenant Commander Florez also sent pictures depicting the rebuilding efforts in Iraq so students would know about more than just the fighting. By building schools, dams and hospitals the troops are trying to help the Iraqi people, he said.

The students just completed another batch of letters about the ocean.

“Since it is so dry (in Iraq) and we just finished studying about the ocean, they decided to focus on that in their pictures and letters,” Ms. Hall said.

While Ms. Hall unfolded the flag and told its story, students answered questions about the flag’s significance and history. One boy interrupted the Q and A with: “When is Nicholas coming back?”

The Reservist won’t return to Hawaii until September and his absence has made the war personal for at least one group of children.

“People think they need to make grand gestures,” Ms. Hall said about helping the deployed troops. “(Lieutenant Commander Florez) said, ‘The smallest things mean so much over (here) ... you just can’t imagine how something small like that can make such a big difference to these guys even if they don’t know the children.’”

Stealing doesn't pay

# Everyone's responsibility to prevent theft on base

Statistics from the 15th Security Forces Squadron identified personal and government property as the highest priority on a criminal's list of things to steal during the summer months.

Tech. Sgt. Ricardo Prater, 15th SFS noncommissioned officer in charge of crime prevention, cautions Hickam residents to “always go the extra mile to protect valuables.”

Most reports received by security forces are on stolen bicycles and golf clubs, said Sergeant Prater.

“Thieves continue to target property left unsecured on lanais and in carport areas,” he said. “Residents are encouraged to secure all valuables in storage rooms, storage lockers or their homes.

In the months of March and April, there were several cases of thefts from vehicles. The primary targets of the thieves include car stereos, vehicle accessories and compact disks.

“Take the extra second to remove high value items from plain view and make sure your vehicle is locked,” Sergeant Prater said. “If you plan on placing your vehicle at the resale lot, ensure you remove all personal valuables from the vehicle and make sure it's locked. There have been several thefts from the lot.”

He said criminals should be aware the eyes of the Hickam community are watch-

ing and the price of fines, possible court-martial, and even discharge from the service are too high to pay for a moment of indiscretion.

“Although the Hickam Base Exchange's cameras and employees are doing a great job of identifying and detaining individuals who shoplift, the job of preventing shoplifting falls on all of us,” Sergeant Prater said. Parents and sponsors are responsible for family members and guest who visit the base exchange.

Clothing, jewelry and video gaming equipment top the list of stolen items. People should contact a store manager if they see suspicious activity. At a minimum, each person caught loses their Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency shopping privileges for one year.

In an effort to inform the Hickam community on crime, the 15th SFS releases weekly details of crimes committed on the installation in the Crime Scene section of the Kukini.

Base members are asked to report suspicious activity or crimes in progress to the 15th SFS control center crime stop line at 449-7114, and to call Sergeant Prater for crime prevention information at 449-6714.

*(Courtesy of the 15th Security Forces Squadron.)*

## Home sweet home



Photo by Mark Bates

**Col. Andrew Knapp, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, give Lynda Hester, wife of Gen. Paul Hester, Pacific Air Forces commander, a tour of the kitchen space of the new housing development. The new housing units just opened and house company grade and field grade officers and their families. The project is the last military housing construction project that will be done on Hickam due to the new privatization contract.**



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volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Lewis Weaver at 449-7456, email at lewis.weaver@hickam.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Edward Marsch at 449-5213, e-mail edward.marsch@hickam.af.mil to sign up.

**Free day at zoo** – The Honolulu Zoo hosts a military appreciation day June 4. All military ID card holders get in free. The first 5,000 members receive a free lunch also. The events begin at 10 a.m. Military members can park free at Kapiolani Community College and a free shuttle bus service will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to and from the zoo.

**Professional seminar** – The Hawaii Top Three has opening for the next Airmen professional development seminar June 8 and 9. The target audience is Airmen first class and senior Airmen two years after the first term Airmen’s center and prior to attending Airmen leadership school. Graduates of the course increase professional knowledge and report having a greater appreciation and commitment towards the Air Force. Supervisors are encouraged to nominate candidates for the course by contacting Senior Master Sgt. Richard Vogel at richard.vogel@hickam.af.mil or 448-3429 or Master Sgt. Todd Parish at todd.parish@hickam.af.mil or 448-0052.

**Classes at Hangar 2** – Moanalua/Aiea Community School hosts day classes for adults in Hangar 2. High school diploma, English as a second language, English and math review classes are tuition free. Computer classes are offered for \$30. The summer session is June 6 through July 27. Register in Room 127 of Hangar 2 from Tuesday through June 3 between 8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

**HOSC event** – The Hickam Officers’ Spouses Club will hold a membership appreciation aloha social June 14 at the officers’ club Polynesian gazebo. The social begins at 9:30 a.m. and breakfast will begin at 10 a.m. The event is free to all HOSC members in good standing. Reservations must be made by noon June 10. For reservations, contact Jolande Murray (A-L) at 423-7097 or Jeannette Ramirez (M-Z) at 422-7444.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** – AADD is now available for special event and functions. If a squadron is holding a special event or function and alcohol is available, AADD can be made available for the unit. Interested squadrons should contact Airman 1st Class Tara Newcomb at tara.newcomb@hickam.af.mil, at least two weeks prior to your event.

People interested in volunteering for AADD, contact Airman Newcomb at 448-2115 or Airman 1st Class Darin Stout at 449-5916. AADD is on call 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Sunday and all Wing down days and holidays. AADD is not operational during the weekdays or weeknights unless a special event has been scheduled through a program coordinator.

Call 449-RIDE or 449-LIFT for a designated driver. If someone has any problems contacting 449-RIDE or 449-

LIFT during operating hours, call a program coordinator on standby at 620-4939.

**Volunteers needed** – The Hickam Airman’s Attic is in need of volunteers during the following hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To volunteer, contact the attic at 449-5677.

**New degree program** – Embry Riddle Aeronautical University is currently accepting applications for its masters of science in technical management degree program, projected to be available on Oahu in August.

Classes will be every-other Friday evening and Saturday. For detailed program information and a class schedule, contact Kelly Wilmeth at 422-0835 or stop by Embry-Riddle’s office in Hangar 2, room 117.

**OU programs** – The University of Oklahoma offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The school’s non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The one week classes are very TDY and TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364 or [aphickam@ou.edu](mailto:aphickam@ou.edu) for more information or visit the OU website at [www.goou.ou.edu](http://www.goou.ou.edu).

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Photo by Capt. Patricia Teran-Matthews

**Chief Master Sgt. Jim LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing command chief, and Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th AW commander, talk on the Mike Buck talk show May 18.**



*Editor's Note: For complete stories and more information go to [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)*

### Air Force secretary confirms commitment to religious respect

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** – The Air Force remains “deeply involved” in its commitment to ensure spiritual values of all people are respected at the U.S. Air Force Academy and throughout the Air Force, said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael L. Dominguez May 24.

Air Force leaders are focused on religious-respect issues at the Air Force Academy, he said. When these issues became a matter of concern, academy leaders reported them up the chain of command, to the school's Board of Visitors and to the public.

In dealing with the matter, the secretary sent a task force to the academy to assess areas ranging from Air Force policy and guidance on the subject of religious tolerance to practices by the academy chain of command that either enhance or detract from a climate that respects the “free exercise of religion” and the “establishment clauses” of the First Amendment.

In addition, the Air Force sent a team to the academy in December led by the deputy assistant secretary for equal opportunity and a former national director of the American Jewish Committee. The team was dispatched to provide an initial assessment and advice to academy leaders.

That team's feedback resulted in mandatory training seminars, called Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People, now conducted for cadets, staff members and faculty that address the Air Force's diversity and the need to respect others, regardless of belief.

### AMC officials unveil new generation command and control system

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN)** – A new generation command and control system was unveiled recently when Air Mobility Command officials began fielding a new system that provides unit-level and force-level mission planning, scheduling and tracking of all mobility airlift and air refueling missions.

The global decision support system will allow AMC officials to more effectively fulfill the global mobility mission by integrating about 40 systems into one modernized, fully integrated global AMC command and control system.

“(It) is the most complex and comprehensive (command and control) system fielded in the Air Force,” said Col. Earl Matthews, AMC director of communications and information.

It combines unit- and force-level planning tools into a single system.

“Operating on unclassified and classified networks, (the system) will be AMC's one-stop-shop (command and control) system, providing unprecedented visibility of aircrews, cargo aircraft and ongoing missions regardless of their location,” Colonel Matthews said.

The implementation will continue AMC's operational evolution to a technology-

## Final approach



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**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** – Lt. Col. Jeff Cowan parks an A-10 Thunderbolt II on the flightline here. He and other Airmen from the 74th Fighter Squadron at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., recently arrived for an air and space expeditionary force rotation.

centric environment. The new system features a powerful set of decision-making tools, enterprise data and

information fusion technologies, as well as integrated information displays that allow users to monitor and

manage global mobility missions, officials said.

It will provide a common and consistent operational

command and control framework across the mobility air forces. *(Story by 1st Lt. Leslie Brown, Air Mobility Command Public Affairs)*

### Airman sentenced in contraband court martial

**EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN)** – A former 728th Air Control Squadron Airman here was sentenced to confinement for one year and dismissal from active duty in a general court martial May 20.

Maj. Gregory McMillion was found guilty on three of four charges: violating a lawful general order; failure to give notice and turn over to proper authority without delay captured or abandoned property; and wrongfully and dishonorably directing subordinates to help ship home the captured or abandoned property.

The charges are violations of Articles 92, 103 and 133 of

the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was found not guilty of giving an official statement with the intent to deceive, which is Article 107 of the UCMJ.

In the fall of 2003, 728th ACS Airmen unpacked several crates of contraband consisting of Iraqi AK-47s, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, Iraqi uniforms, inert landmines, rifles, knives and bayonets. These items were found among mission equipment after their return from a seven-month deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

During court proceedings, witnesses said Major McMillion gave orders to 728th ACS Airmen to set the crates aside until he returned from the deployment.

Major McMillion chose to be tried by a military judge alone versus a trial by a panel of officers. *(Story by Staff Sgt. Jerron Barnett and 2nd Lt. David Tomiyama, 33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*







**Child care training**

A pre-licensing briefing for prospective child care providers is held the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Family Child Care office located adjacent to the auto resale lot in Bldg. 2116. The next briefing will be held June 2.

Applicants must be base residents, 18 years old, and a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a national security check. Call the family child care office at 449-1879 for full details. Please note that all persons caring for other families' children for a total of 10 hours or more per week must attend this briefing and get a license.



**Memorial Day disco**

The Enlisted Club presents its annual pre-holiday Memorial Day Disco Sunday. Admission is free to this event and features two rooms of entertainment - Ol' Skool in the J.R. Rockers Lounge and Hip Hop, Reggae and R&B on the JRR Lanai. Call the enlisted club at 449-1292 for more information.

**Holiday Bonanza**

The annual Memorial Day Holiday Games Bonanza is Monday at the Hickam Officers' Club. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. The buffet will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Call the officers' club at 448-4608, ext. 15 for more information.



**New name contest**

What's in a name? The Hickam Par 3 Golf Course wants a new name and you're invited to help choose it. And if your suggestion is chosen, you'll be a winner!

Entry blanks for the "Name the Golf Course" Contest are available at the Par 3 Pro Shop as well as at the 10th Puka Sports

Lounge. You may also enter by e-mailing your name choices to the Par 3 Manager at james.trigilio@hickam.af.mil. Participants are allowed two entries and they must be received by June 17. Prizes include free golf, club brunches, free bowling, new Par 3 logo items and lots more. More than \$500 in prizes.

Entries will be evaluated by a "name the golf course" committee. Entries should be appropriate for a Hickam facility.

**Kids Night Out**

Saturday night is Kids Night Out at Kidsports. This night is not only for the kids but for the parents too. You

have a chance to have a night off while Kidports provides a delightful evening for your children. Kids will enjoy dinner, fun activities, a movie and snack. Cost is \$15 per child. Call 448-6611 to reserve your child's space.



**Foster's Flicks**

Hickam Outdoor Recreation is starting a new beach program - "Foster's



Flicks" which features a current family movie to be shown right on the beach at Hickam Harbor. The inaugural Foster's Flicks is Sunday with the movie starting as soon as it is dark (around 7:30 p.m.). The first movie to be shown at Foster's Flicks will be "Grease." Come

early and enjoy the sunset and then stay for the movie. Remember, no glass is allowed on the beach.

**Swimming lessons**

Swimming lesson registration will be held Monday and Tuesday for group class levels 1-6 from 9:30 a.m. to



12:30 p.m. at Bldg 3455. Cost is \$60 per person and minimum age is three years old. Private lessons are available Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to

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11 a.m. Cost is \$15 per hour session. Call outdoor recreation at 449-5215 for more information.

### Mixed couples tournament

The June Mixed Couples Golf Tournament at Mamala Bay will be played June 6. Second round tee times will



be used starting at 11:45 a.m. This is an 18-hole event with multiple golf formats. Entry fee is \$15 per couple plus daily green fees and cart rental. Call 449-2047 for details.

### Early bird breakfast

West side, east side, we've got you covered for breakfast at Hickam with the beginning of Friday early bird breakfast at the bowling center. Now you can get a freshly cooked breakfast.

The early bird breakfast will be served every Friday in June from 6 to 11 a.m. This month's special includes scrambled eggs, rice or hash browns, choice of bacon or



ham, toast and coffee, tea or orange juice for \$3.95. Start Friday right with breakfast at the bowling center. Call 449-2702 for more information.

### Social hour

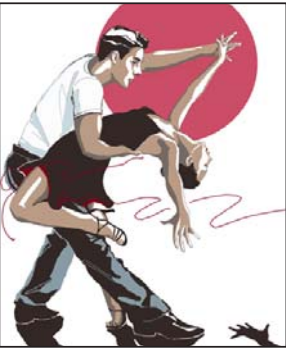
The enlisted club invites

Team Hickam to its adults only social hour June 3 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring the live entertainment of Angie & Agnes. The event will be held on J.R. Rockers Lanai. Call the club at 449-1292 for more information.

### Latin Nights

First Fridays at the officers' club features "Fiesta - Latin Nights" June 3. The evening includes Pau Hana and wine tasting beginning at 5:30 p.m. and then live Latin music performed by El Cojunto Tropical Salsa starting at 7 p.m. Come out

and enjoy an evening of fun, food and exciting Latin music. For more information, call the club at 448-4608.



### Vehicle/Boat auction

The auction you have been waiting for. Hickam Auto Hobby presents its bi-annual abandoned vehicle/boat auction June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at the corner of Kuntz Ave. and Hale Haka St. next to Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel.

This is a silent auction. Simply check out the vehicles and boat, fill out a bid on the form provided and drop it into the auction box. Vehicles are available for viewing starting Tuesday.

For more information, call 449-2554



